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1. Informant observed the building of two new factories, which began in winter 1951-52: 25X1

a. A plant of Motorlet, National Enterprise, in Stara Boleslav (051/F90) designed for the complete assembly of jet engines. Construction was progressing according to plan, as a result of preferential supplies of both material and manpower. By the end of 1952 work was more or less finished and machinery was being installed. Machinery was supplied by the Jan Sverma Plant of Motorlet, National Enterprise, Prague-Jinonice (former Walter Plant), which sent its fitters for the assembly jobs. The equipment seemed to be brand-new and the Jan Sverma Plant also sent experts to instruct workers in operating these machines. The technical personnel from the Jan Sverma Plant used to refer to their plants, Rudy Letov II, Vodochody, and the Motorlet plant in Stara Boleslav, as plants with joint production. The drive for acquiring manpower for the Motorlet plant in Stara Boleslav continued until December 1953.

b. Rudy Letov II, Vodochody. Construction was carried out in two stages: (1) building of the main assembly hall, and (2) of other buildings where complete jet aircraft will be assembled. Parts will be supplied by other factories. Simultaneously the airfield at Prague-Klecany, which was formerly a sport airfield, was being expanded and was to be used entirely for test flights of the Rudy Letov Vodochody plant. 25X1

2. Building plans for both plants were drawn up at the Military Planning Institute in Prague and approved by the Ministry of National Defense. Construction was entrusted to Armabeton, National Enterprise.

3. [redacted] at the Motorlet plant in Stara Boleslav, production of a new Czechoslovak jet was to be started in November 1953, apart from the Soviet type jets. The former type is still being developed, but is already said to be superior to the Soviet one. It was not quite clear in which of the plants this new jet was to be produced. 25X1

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